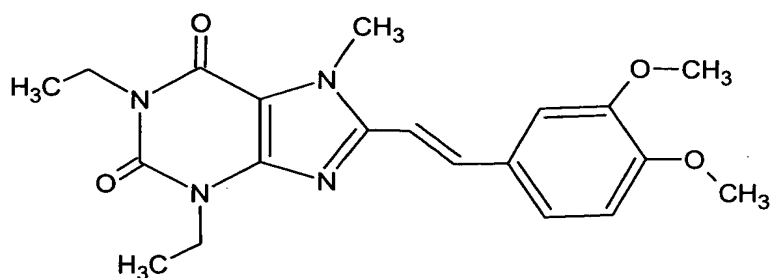


Please cancel Claims 7 - 9, 11 - 13 and 15 - 17 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 6, 10 and 14 as follows:

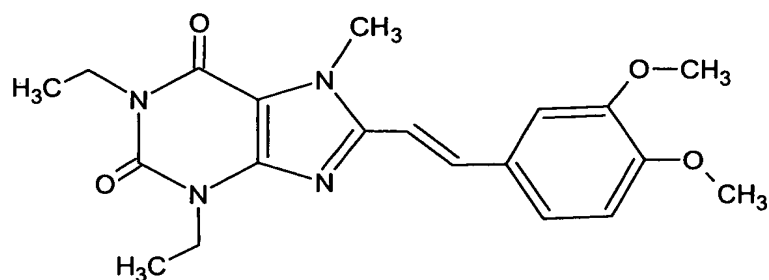
6. (Three times amended) A method of inhibiting neurodegeneration except Parkinson's disease, which comprises administering an effective dose of a xanthine derivative represented by formula (I):



(I)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

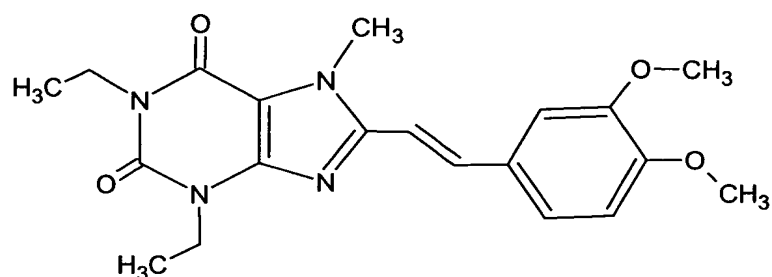
10. (twice amended) A method of treating neurodegenerative disorders except for Parkinson's disease, which comprises administering an effective dose of a xanthine derivative represented by formula (I):



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

14. (twice amended) A method of treating Alzheimer's disease, which comprises administering an effective dose of the xanthine derivative represented by formula (I):

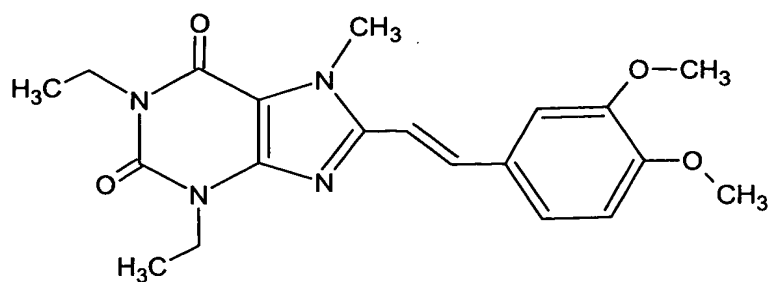


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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Please add the following new Claims 18 - 19:

-- 18. A method of treating brain ischemia, which comprises administering an effective dose of the xanthine derivative represented by formula (I):

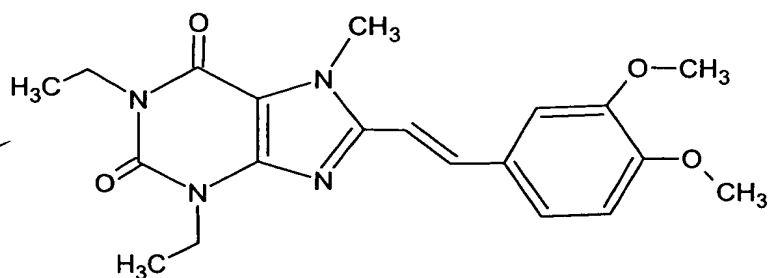


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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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19. A method of inhibiting dopaminergic neurodegeneration, except Parkinson's disease, which comprises administering an effective dose of the xanthine derivative represented by formula (I):



F<sub>4</sub>  
cont

(I)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.--